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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

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EDITORIAL

THERE will be a peculiar and solemn significance to Easter throughout Christendom in this year of our Lord 1915. If our imaginations may dare to view the scene, what hosts of risen souls must be streaming into the vast upper world from the battlefields and hunger-stricken cities of Europe! Resurrection from the trenches, resurrection from the camps and hospitals, resurrection from the cradles and sick beds of those who are too young or too old to fight — all the Easter lilies on earth will be insufficient to symbolize them. All the churches and all the choirs, pray and preach and sing as they may, will fail to bring reconciliation and peace to many who are left behind. When, finally, this war is ended he will be an audacious historian who can justify it in any principle of patriotism, ethics, or religion. It will all be one miserable, heartbreaking, international nightmare for unnumbered mourners. Thousands upon thousands instead of being able to sing into the situation the glorious idealism of *Arimathea* will agonize in a prayer to be awakened from what they want to believe is a horrible dream. Where is the Samson who will gather strength and sweetness from this colossal lion-carcass of militarism? It will be a busy era for those champions of brute-philosophy who will essay to bind up all the broken hearts with their infected brain lint. From one point of view, in the Christian world of to-day, it seems like a sacrilege to attempt the celebration of Easter.

FOR while the supreme theme of Easter is Life, the commanding consequence of war is Death. Out of the teaching and influence of Jesus the world was made to place a new valuation upon human life; through the war lords of Europe human beings have been rated as "cannon-food." Easter promotes the sanctities of life, war desecrates the priceless memorials of the human heart. Jesus of Nazareth, in his death, brought life and immortality to light — made them *visible* to the spiritual vision of humanity; hundreds of those who are slain in this war are but the victims of a false philosophy, not having the distinction of dying for a virtue. When a certain famous reformer of the nineteenth century, who had in his experience encountered all sorts of dangers and been subjected to all kinds of persecutions, was sick with the colic and was asked if he was afraid to die he replied, "No, not afraid but *ashamed*." He would have been proud to die for a great cause, but to die of indigestion through some indiscretion was too ignominious to be considered. To be a martyr in behalf of a great revelation whose illuminating influence would be a blessing to mankind for ages to come would be a privilege for any clear-minded soul, but to be one of a battalion standing in line like so many wooden puppets, to be ripped and

mangled by schrapnel at the behest of a few imperial egotists is a fate that only seems the more intolerable and ghastly the more one thinks about it.

EASTER comes to us with its emphasis upon the precious character of life. Life in itself is the solvent of all tribulation. To have life in abundance is to be superior to condition and circumstance. Life is too wonderful and priceless to yield to sorrow, sickness, or death. They who realize its value could never treat it with brutal violence, as in war; those who appreciate its significance could never degrade and cheapen it as something to be diverted from all earthly uses. How, then, can Christians to-day enter into the spirit of the Easter festival and make the occasion seem like a genuine reality? When Christendom is indulging in a carnival of Death how shall it celebrate the glories of the life immortal?

FOR an answer to this question one looks in vain among the causes that have led up to this war. The immediate past furnishes little to harmonize with the Easter thought. It is because Easter looks to the future and not to the past that its idealism may be emphasized at this season. It is the festival of inextinguishable hope. No calamity is so terrible that it does not bid us put our faith in the triumphant issues of life. It should, this year of all years, renew our souls at the fountains of life. As a spiritual incentive it would have every intelligent human being search and try his ways and turn again unto the Lord. This awful sacrifice, made on the altar of man's lower nature, should convince the world that there is no assurance of peace and prosperity except through man's spiritual nature. Professor Eucken has well said, "This war must be the starting point of a new epoch. The tremendous sacrifice which it entails will be justified only in case new life comes forth out of loss and death and the achievements of the moment are transformed into permanent gain."

The nations must be revived from within. From the sepulchre of war there must arise a resurrection of the world's ethical nature. Easter must this year take on a meaning more far-reaching than the mere thought of individual immortality. The present hope of the world is in its power to put faith, no longer in huge battalions and battleships and fiendish devices for the taking of life, but in man's appreciation of the sanctity of life and his ability to apply the Christ spirit to the practical necessities of existence.

Easter will not be observed in vain even this present year if under its blessed suggestions the stone of military brutality is rolled away from the tomb of the crucified spirit of essential Christianity.

THE last weeks of April are busy ones for those who are making up the financial reports of the American Unitarian Association. In most cases it is possible for the churches to have their contributions in the hands of the Treasurer long before the beginning of the new fiscal year, which is May 1st. Occasionally, however, the officers of the local church from thoughtlessness or negligence fail to collect the money and send it in before the books are practically closed. The officers of the Association are anxious to make all possible concessions and provide in every way in their power for the continuance of the churches upon the delegate list. But, if a contributing church fails to send its contribution before May 1st, it loses its membership as a delegate society. Promptness, therefore, is very greatly to be desired in this matter of contributions to our general missionary enterprises through the Association.

IN a recent issue of the *Christian Register* the Treasurer of the Association, Henry M. Williams, Esq., presented a very significant article upon "The Measure of our Interest in Unitarian Missionary Work." So vital are Mr. Williams' statements to the entire life of our denomination, and the information he contributes is so valuable, it seems well worth while to reproduce a few paragraphs of

that article in the present number of the *Word and Work*.

"Our churches, while growing in numbers and with many signs of the material ability of their membership, certainly do not make a remarkable showing when we come to analyze their annual contributions for general charities. A review of our Unitarian giving for such purposes shows that from the five hundred churches of our fellowship it averages about $50,000 a year, or an average from those which actually give of about $140 per annum. If we exclude the twenty-five churches which give the largest amounts, we find that the remaining churches give less than an average of $70 per annum, which is less than $1.50 each week. This certainly can be no strain upon the congregations or the individuals which compose them, for this list does not include that one-third of our churches which because they are either missionary societies or for other reasons make no attempt to do outside missionary work. Considering the very large sums many of these churches as such, or the individuals which compose them, give for general charities outside of the Unitarian field, both for local objects and beyond local quarters, such a showing is pitiful. If we continue the examination further the showing is worse. We find that outside of the group of churches which give $200 or more a year (that is, at the rate of $4 or over each week) the remaining 278 churches which give anything average less than $45 a year, or about 90 cents from the whole of each congregation for each Sunday.

"Do these figures mean anything to us? Are they the measure of our spirit of general charity beyond the neighborhoods of our individual churches as we wish to have it stand for the future, or will they be a spur to real effort henceforward to do something substantial for the work which needs to be done and is crying for help from every part of the United States and Canada, without mention of the opportunities in a foreign field for those who wish to contribute to it? . . . Surely, churches and church members can voluntarily set themselves future standards of missionary effort far beyond their past records and those analyzed above and still be within the limit of their means. No spur outside the individual conscience is necessary for the success of such a movement. And if such standards are met and measurably realized, then Unitarian missionary work will not halt or languish, but will go forward with a bound; and East and West and from Canada to Texas we can hold out assistance through the effective agencies of the American Unitarian Association to all who welcome the chance rationally to worship God and to help mankind to make real the ideal of heaven here upon the earth."

THE program for Anniversary Week promises to be of excellent quality this year. The Women's Alliance will begin the week on Monday with addresses by Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers, D.D., and Rev. John Haynes Holmes.

It is interesting to notice that in the list of the preachers of the Anniversary Sermon New England has been represented but twice for at least twelve years. Dr. Crothers delivered the Anniversary Sermon in 1911, and Rev. Julian C. Jaynes in 1909. This year the preacher will be the Rev. Paul R. Frothingham of the Arlington Street Church. It will be a privilege, especially for those who come from a distance, to hear Mr. Frothingham.

It is hoped that on the afternoon of Tuesday in Tremont Temple speakers will be present from the Canadian Northwest, the Middle West and a representative of the New England field, and important commissions will make their reports. At the meeting of the Berry Street Conference the Rev. Merle St. Croix Wright, D.D., will speak upon "Sources of Power."

At the present writing many of the organizations have not fully developed their programs, but the week will be filled to repletion and it is hoped that the churches will take special pains to be amply represented by well-informed delegates and life members.

American Unitarian Association

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. C. S. Locke died at Westwood, Mass., on March 12th.

Rev. E. F. Hayward has accepted a call to Chicopee, Mass., and Rev. H. M. Pinkham to Melrose, Mass.

Rev. E. A. Rumball has resigned at Rochester, N. Y., and accepted a commission to organize a new church at Huntington, W. Va.

Rev. C. J. Harris has withdrawn from the charge of the work at Oklahoma, Ok.

Rev. C. B. Elder, D.D., has resigned at the Church of the Unity in Worcester, and Rev. B. R. Bulkeley at Beverly.

Rev. F. A. Dillingham has taken charge of the church at Waterbury, Conn.

Rev. E. M. Cosgrove was ordained at West Somerville on March 11th.

Rev. F. A. Powell was installed at Braintree on March 21st and Rev. J. B. W. Day at Greenfield on March 23rd.

Rev. G. G. Mills has resigned at Watertown, Mass., and Rev. J. C. Mitchell at Greeley, Col.

Rev. J. A. Fairley has been elected Secretary of the Conference of the Middle States and Canada, the appointment to take effect on Sept. 1st.

Journeys

The President of the Association has just returned from a brief journey. He met appointments at Albany, Syracuse, Ithaca, Jamestown and Dunkirk, N. Y., and Erie, Pa.

The Secretary of the Association has returned from a successful journey in the Southeast.

The Secretary-at-large, Mr. Cornish, has been visiting and speaking at Schenectady, Barneveld, Lowville, and Rochester, N. Y. This month he will meet appointments at Charleston, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., Indianapolis, Ind., and Dayton, Ohio, and will attend the meeting of the Southern Conference at Louisville, Ky., April 27th to 29th. Mr. Pratt, Field Secretary, will also attend the Southern Conference and will be able at the same time to visit Pittsburgh, Pa., Wheeling, W. Va., Huntington, W. Va., and Meadville, Pa.

The Secretary for the Department of Religious Education, Mr. Lawrance, expects to be able to meet appointments this month in New Jersey, Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C. He will later attend the meeting of the Western Conference at Cincinnati, Ohio, and at that time expects to visit Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, and Dayton, Ohio.

Billings Lectureship

Rev. Henry C. McDougall has just returned from a journey as Billings Lecturer in the Southwest. His first appointment was at Chattanooga, Tenn., where he led the Sunday service of worship for an interesting congregation. At New Orleans he addressed the Women's Alliance. At Houston, Tex., he met with the minister and people of the new society and conferred upon their problems and opportunities. The second Sunday was given to San Antonio, Tex., where an enthusiastic congregation met him. Later he spoke to a large meeting at the ladies' night of the Men's Club. Mr. McDougall then spent two weeks at Austin, Tex., and succeeded in planting the seeds of what will soon be a new church. Mr. Badger of San Antonio had preceded Mr. McDougall and held one service before his coming. Now a number of liberal families have been discovered to each other, an Alliance has been formed and the way opened for developments during the next year. At Dallas, Mr. McDougall gave an evening address in the church and then had two strenuous days of conference with the minister and people at Oklahoma. His fifth Sunday was given to the cause at Wichita, Kan., where the minister, Mr.

Day, had just resigned and where the people needed encouragement. His final appointment was at Kansas City, where he gave a week-day evening address before a good audience. The Association is grateful to the church in Franklin, N. H., which has generously given its minister's time and strength to this wider cause, and to Mr. McDougall for a wise, practical and inspiring work. The officers of the Association supplied the pulpit at Franklin during Mr. McDougall's absence.

Finances

April is the last month of the fiscal year of the Association and the majority of our churches will in this period make their contributions for the national work. The need and opportunity were never so great as now. The Directors of the Association made up their budget last May before the existing difficulties arose. The appropriations then made have all been squarely met in spite of uncertainty as to what the churches will do. It is now for the churches to justify the confidence of the Directors. The appeals that come to the Board of Directors are numerous and urgent, for a good many churches hitherto self-supporting are seriously feeling the pressure of the hard times and appeal to the national organization for assistance. It will be a grave disaster for our cause if any of our churches or missions are obliged to close their doors because of financial stress. The contributions received in the last two or three weeks continue to maintain the levels of last year, and in some cases to set a new high water mark. Gratifying increases are to be noted in the contributions of the churches in Bridgewater, Mass. and Lincoln, Neb., and from the First Church, Salem, and the Second Church, Boston. On the other hand, a larger number of churches have failed to respond up to this time than in any preceding year, and the peril seems to be that this important work may in some churches be delayed too long or altogether overlooked. The earnest attention of ministers, parish committees, and Alliance officers is needed for the support of the work we are all trying to do together.

Reports from Aided Churches

The Association has just sent out to all the aided churches on its lists blank forms for applications to be used where aid is desired for the coming year, also for reports of ministers of aided churches. These are the customary forms and it is hoped that church committees and ministers will return them with all questions fully and intelligently answered at the earliest possible date. The time in which these applications must be considered is necessarily very short, and it will be to the advantage of any society applying for aid, if the officers can have sufficient time to thoroughly consider the appeals. All reports should be sent to the Secretary, at 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

General Conference

A second train for the General Conference in San Francisco next August is now likely to be needed. The minimum number of people for one special train is 125, and registration already is at about that figure. The main party will, of course, start from Boston going direct to Montreal, and thence along the shores of the Great Lakes and across the plains to the Canadian Rockies. But several cars will start from Chicago, joining the others at Winnipeg where the first missionary meetings are to be held. Among the more recently arranged features of the journey is an Alliance car where members of Alliance branches travelling alone may be together. Officers of the National Alliance will be on this car. Arrangements for places in it should be made through Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, 25 Beacon St., Boston.

The program for the Conference, which will soon be announced, includes prominent speakers of our denomination, both laymen, and ministers, of different sections of the country.

Information regarding the trip, which may be made at a very low rate, may be obtained from Thos. Cook & Son,

336 Washington St., Boston, or from the Rev. Sydney B. Snow, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, 2 Chestnut St., Boston Mass.

Department of Religious Education

The eight bulletins so far issued by this department for free distribution were displayed, together with our Sunday-school appliances, at the convention of the Religious Education Association, held in Buffalo early in March. About two thousand of these bulletins were carried away by ministers and teachers, many of whom expressed high appreciation of their value. Prepared primarily for our own workers, they are equally helpful to workers in other denominations. Dr. Cope, Secretary of the R. E. A., displays them for free distribution in the Association office in Chicago, and reports that many express gratitude for their suggestions. Unitarian pastors and superintendents would do well to secure these bulletins and circulate them freely. Every Sunday-school worker should know the entire series, and parents will find them full of suggestions in the religious culture of children. The last bulletin so far issued, Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot's "Can Religion be Taught in the Sunday School?" is proving very popular. It is a brilliant piece of English composition and is spiritually stimulating. The Committee on Bulletins has accepted Rev. Florence Buck's "Grading a Small Sunday School," which will soon appear as Bulletin No. 9. These pamphlets are for free distribution.

Institute work carried on by this department grows in extent and value every year. The institute held at Meadville for the last six years has now been made part of the regular work of the Theological School, in whose buildings it has always met. The session is to be extended, this year, to three weeks, June 28 to July 16, with sixteen days devoted to lectures, not including the two Sundays on which there will be preaching services and a Sunday school conducted and taught by members of the institute faculty. President Southworth and Prof. Anna Garlin Spencer will be in attendance, and will give five daily lectures. Prof. Walter S. Athearn, whose book on "The Church School" is already a standard, and whose second book on "The City Institute for Religious Teachers" is just from the press, is to lecture during the first week. Prof. Hugh Hartshorne, of Union Theological Seminary, will lecture during the two succeeding weeks, and will also lecture daily during the session of the Isles of Shoals Institute. Dr. Hartshorne's book on "Worship in the Sunday School" stands alone in its field. He is Professor of Religious Education in Union Theological Seminary, and is in charge of the Sunday school conducted by the faculty, in which the principles set forth in the lectures are illustrated. Miss Buck and Mr. Lawrance will also be on daily duty, both at Meadville and at the Shoals.

A year ago our department appealed to the churches to reward their Sunday-school workers by sending them to these summer institutes on scholarships. Twenty-eight were thus sent to the Meadville institute and forty-nine to the Shoals, all expenses covered by the home churches. Parish committees may wisely include one or more such scholarships in their budgets. Alliances can hardly find a better way than this to promote the religious welfare of their churches. Sunday-school treasuries could in some instances bear the cost of sending some faithful worker to Meadville or to the Shoals. Parents of pupils in the schools, working through the classes, might express their appreciation of the help teachers give them in bringing up their children, by making up a purse for institute attendance. Such a course would be at once a graceful recognition of faithful service and an excellent stroke of business. Teachers so sent would feel partly repaid for their voluntary labors, and the schools would be better served by those who had received the instruction and felt the inspiration of the institute.

Social Service Institute

Department of Social and Public Service

All who are interested in the Meadville Theological School will recall the fact that among the changes in the schedule listed for the year 1914-15 is the important new departure of a summer term at Meadville. This will be for the especial benefit of the seniors of the School, of students in the new one-year course for parish assistants and for ministers and laymen who desire to become better fitted for church work. Two institutes will be included in the summer term, the first, devoted to religious education, beginning June 28 and closing July 17.

The second institute, devoted to social service, will be four weeks in duration, beginning July 19 and closing August 14. The general theme will be "The church and the social movement." This Department will cooperate closely with the School in conducting the institute. President Southworth, Professor Anna Garlin Spencer and Mr. Forbes will be on the ground during the entire four weeks, and able experts will deal with special topics under the headings:

The church and social dependence and the delinquent classes,

The church and public health, housing sanitation, etc.,

The church and the labor movement,

The church and education, recreation, etc.

Mr. Alexander Johnson, until recently the secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, will have a course of lectures on "The church and social dependence"; Rev. Nicholas Van der Pyl will have a course on "The church and the labor movement"; Mrs. Spencer one on "Women and children in industry;" and Mr. Forbes one on "The church and public health, housing, sanitation." Further details of the program including the names of other lecturers will be given soon. This preliminary announcement is issued thus early in the hope of inducing a large number of our churches to send representatives to this institute. The fact that many Unitarian churches have organized committees on social service which are now doing effective work is a hopeful indication that good will is being set to work within our church body. Those who attend the institute can probably be accommodated at the School, and details of the necessary expense will be given in an early number of "Word and Work." There will be an unusual opportunity for persons interested in the social service work of the churches to secure some of the information and training which are necessary if the best results are to be attained. Meadville itself is very lovely in the summer and the pleasant surroundings of the School with the out-of-door possibilities, already utilized so well by the Religious Education Institute, offer attractions which it is hoped will supplement those on the program soon to be published. Should anyone wish for further information, inquiries may be addressed to Professor Anna Garlin Spencer, Meadville Theological School, Meadville, Pa., or to Mr. Elmer S. Forbes, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Social Service Bulletin No. 35.

The latest bulletin in the social service series is entitled "Religion and the world's peace," by Rev. Howard N. Brown, D.D. Mr. Brown's thesis is that the great fundamental cause of the war is fear, the nations are afraid of each other. Each has been supicious of its neighbors and has armed itself to the teeth in order to defend itself against any possible attack. Every move on the part of any one of them for a larger army or navy has been met with such increases on the part of all the others as each has been able to make. At last the spark was struck off which set Europe in a flame. If it is true that fear is at the bottom of the war, then obviously the thing which is most needed is the cultivation of a better understanding among the peoples and an earnest effort to remove all causes of jealousy and apprehension. In this direction the churches can play a very active part. Upon them rests a considerable measure of responsibility for the future peace of

the world. Mr. Brown has developed this thought clearly and convincingly. The subject is timely and the bulletin should be widely read. To be had on application at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Department of Foreign Relations

There is still, at the present writing, a balance of $125 uncontributed of the $300 which the Woman's Alliance is trying to raise this fiscal year for the work of Madame Benso in Italy, under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Conte. The latter writes that her success in creating interest among Italian women of Roman Catholic antecedents, but unsatisfied by the doctrine and worship of that church, exceeds his anticipation. It is to be hoped that such of our local alliances as have not yet responded to this appeal will do so during the coming month that there may be no lapse in this excellent and encouraging work.

The secretary of this Department is much gratified at receiving from European members of the International Congress, — German, British, French, Scandinavian, Hungarian, Italian, Dutch, — assurances of continued interest in the ideals and endeavors of the Congress and ardent hopes for a resumption of its activities in the near future "after the war."

The social-industrial society of the Japanese Unitarian Mission now numbers five thousand members. Its monthly magazine has a circulation of 4500. Mr. Suzuki, Secretary of the Japanese Unitarian Mission, and the inspirer of this movement, will probably visit the United States this summer to attend a world-congress of workingmen, as a delegate from the Japanese Government.

The Japanese Unitarian ministers at Unity Hall have tendered their services to the Universalist Mission of Tokio, to supply a temporary lack of native preachers in that society. They have been accepted with thanks.

The Unitarian Mission, conducted by Rev. E. Ethelred Brown, colored, a graduate of the Meadville Theological School, at Kingston, the capital of the island of Jamaica, has been transferred to the care of the Foreign Relations department of the American Unitarian Association. Mr. Brown has laid the foundation of a new concrete church edifice in a suburb of the city, as yet without church facilities, and is eagerly awaiting aid from our churches to enable him to rear the superstructure and house his flock. A Unitarian clergyman from Great Britain, Rev. George B. Stallworthy, now visiting the island, laid the corner stone, the Mayor of Kingston presiding and making encouraging remarks. The site was a gift, and the American Unitarians contributed $600 towards the edifice. $600 more is required to complete the work.

The congregation consists mainly of working people. Mr. Brown, assisted by his devoted wife and daughter, is making an excellent impression in his native island. He holds Sunday services in Kingston as well as at the suburb of Whitfield, and hopes to create a church in the capital also before long. A man of real ability, of scholarly tastes, refinement and religious zeal, his ministry should appeal to Unitarians of the United States, whose fathers and mothers were so prominent in the work of emancipating and uplifting the negro population, half a century and more ago. Nowhere on the face of the earth does the negro enjoy more freedom, social and political equality and opportunity, or make more progress than in Jamaica. To add a rational, spiritual and practical religion to the redeeming forces of the ninety per cent negroes of that beautiful and fertile island is for the Unitarians of America a privilege and an opportunity. Rev. C. W. Wendte will be grateful for any contributions to send Mr. Brown in support of his work.

Comity and Fellowship

At a lunch given March 23rd at the City Club by some sixty prominent laymen of Boston to Rev. Mr. Wright, Secretary of the Cleveland, Ohio, Federation of Churches, a number of Unitarian laymen participated. There is at present a most delightful spirit of

good-will and cooperation between all the sects and churches represented in the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, which even the threatened coming of an intolerant Billy Sunday will not be able to disturb.

A letter to the *Boston Transcript* by Rev. C. W. Wendte describing his impression of Rev. Billy Sunday and his methods of evangelizing has created considerable attention in church circles. It has been separately printed for wider circulation.

The success of the Philadelphia Congress of Religious Liberals was most gratifying. Nine sessions were held with an excellent attendance. Perfect harmony prevailed and important action was taken. The proceedings and papers will be printed. One of the utterances of the congress by Prof. Anna Garlin Spencer deserves reproduction here that its teachings may be taken to heart.

"Somewhere in this modern world the highest vision and leadership must build an altar and conduct a service of ideal perfection which will strengthen, reassure and inspire the soul of man. It is time for a rational, ethical humanitarian religion to organize itself for more effective service.

"I have for a long time been connected with people who seem to be afraid, — disinclined at least, — to make it known that they are doing anything in the world. They have their meetings, hold dignified, quiet, conventional gatherings, nothing done that anyone could object to — and how few go! How few know the great words of hope and trust, the great inspiration of the liberal faith! How few understand that the world is translating itself in terms of the higher reason, the diviner truth, in terms of the good life as the one test of religion, in terms of a service consecrated, complete, to the well-being of the world, as a testimony to one's faith in the eternal! How many people know it? Why do they not know it? It is because we have divided and divided till there are so few of us in any one group that we make no impression on the imagination of the multitude. We should have a procession if we were united. . . . The time is come for organization and the proof is in the fact that our evangelical friends have organized. One of the greatest things that ever happened in America is the Federation of the Churches of Christ in America. . . . 31 denominations, divided by infinitesimal differences of creed and practice have joined together in the effort of uplift and service of the race. Some of us have not been invited to join. The Unitarians, the Universalists, the Quakers, the Ethical Culturists people are outside, and the Free Religious people, as well as a great many splendid forums where the spirit of the Lord meets with men's spirit every Sunday and on many week days. What shall we do? Shall we stay outside in little separate groups? I pray not. Let this Federation of Religious Liberals, which takes in all of any faith, that is willing to fellowship with anyone who wants to serve and will consecrate himself, consider this matter. This might be the great practical army, and make in the very heart of a rational and an ethical religion the great fellowship for social service. Shall we do it? It depends upon whether there is in the religious leadership of the United States, under these different liberal forms, the power that will coordinate these elements of the greatest thought yet spoken in the religious life, of the greatest consecration to the ethical element in religion made vocal in social activity, the ability to cooperate in a broader plan than can the Federation of the Churches of Christ in America, as now constituted. . . . Let us not make an army to shut our brothers out, but let us not either let our brother make any army to shut us out. If he shuts us out from one platform let us all come together and make the platform so broad that in a very little time he will come up the stair with outstretched hand, and we will meet him as he comes. . . . I ask you, friends, to consider the need in American life to coordinate its brightest and finest, most ethical and spiritual religion in an effective organization."

The stirring appeal of Mrs. Spencer for a more effective organization of religious liberalism was not without results. A special meeting of the Federation was held in the afternoon, at which its President, Professor Jesse H. Holmes, Dr. Charles W. Wendte, Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, Susan W. Janney, Rev. Charles E. Beals, secretary of the Free Religious Association of America, Rabbi Meyer, Rabbi Nathan, Rev. Charles St. John, R. Barclay Spicer, O. Edward Janney, Dr. J. Clarence Lee and others discussed the problems and possibilities of such a cooperative movement. It was decided to hold a one day session of the Federation, conjointly with the Free Religious Association, at Oakland, California, on the 29th of August, to bring the liberals of the Pacific Coast into touch with their Eastern fellow-workers. Dr. C. W. Wendte, Rev. C. E. Beals and Professor Spencer were appointed the committee for this purpose. It was decided also to invite the Unitarian and Universalist denominations, the Society of Friends, Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Society for Ethical Culture and other similar bodies to appoint official representatives and delegates to the Federation and to participate in and make such financial contributions to its work as might seem to them equitable and just. A board of official lectures, a weekly journal, a more thorough organization for business were mentioned as desirable. Also a smaller executive committee to permit of more frequent conference.

The New Hymn Book

Publication Department

Continued progress marks the record of "The New Hymn and Tune Book." During the past month Alton, Ill., Wilmington, Del., Atlanta, Ga., the First Parish, Hingham, Mass., the First Universalist Church, Bath, Maine, and the Union Church of Griswold, Iowa, have adopted the book, the two latter purchasing the Beacon Press edition.

All societies which are getting the new book, or which have adopted it in the past year, are strongly urged to send to Headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, their discarded books. These have no money value, but can be put to excellent use by placing them at the disposal of struggling societies and new missionary movements, where local resources cannot provide a hymn book but where the need of a real hymn book is often a great handicap to the minister in charge. The Association will gladly assume the freight charges on such books, the sole condition being that only *serviceable* books are sent. Persons sending books are requested to throw out any of which the bindings are defective, as they are of no value except for old paper.

A Book of Poems

The Association is co-operating with the members of the Second Church in Brooklyn in republishing "A Book of Poems," by Rev. John W. Chadwick. This volume, while not new, contains much excellent and beautiful material by one of our well-known ministers and hymn writers. The book may be obtained from the Publication Department 25 Beacon Street, Boston; price $1.00, by mail $1.08.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

Is Death the End? by John Haynes Holmes; $1.56 by mail.

Millard Fillmore, by W. E. Griffis; $2.06 by mail.

The Resurrection in the New Testament, by Clayton R. Bowen; $1.50 by mail (special price by arrangement with the author).

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

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May Meetings of The Alliance

At the public meeting on the afternoon of May 24th, the speakers will be the Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York and Dr. Samuel McChord Crothers of Cambridge.

On Thursday, May 27, at three o'clock, a conference will be held in the South Congregational Church for the discussion of vital topics and for questions. This will be open to all Alliance workers who may be interested to attend. It will follow a Post Office Mission Conference while that of the Cheerful Letter Exchange will be held at eleven in the morning in Channing Hall. At this Miss Brown of the Lend a Hand Society will tell of her success in rounding up Cheerful Letters correspondents during a recent trip through the South. Delegates will wish to extend their stay to include these meetings.

All branches which do not hold meetings later in the spring than April will do well to choose at once their delegates to the business meeting of Anniversary week on May 26. See by-laws Article III and Article XI. It is a good custom worthy of adoption by more branches to pay from the branch treasury the travelling expenses of at least one delegate.

The History of The Alliance begun by Mrs. Fifield is now finished. It is expected that this will be printed and ready for distribution during Anniversary week.

Some years ago Mrs. Charles T. Catlin, then the treasurer of the National Alliance, presented a pearl brooch to Mrs. Fifield then the recording secretary. Mrs. Fifield always wore this pin upon important Alliance occasions and Alliance sentiment thus grew strong in connection with it. At the Executive Board meeting of March 12, Mrs. Davis in the name of Mrs. Fifield's daughter, Mrs. Mary Fifield King, presented this brooch to the recording secretary, Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, to be worn by her and held in trust for succeeding recording secretaries that the sentiment surrounding its original presentation and subsequent use may be conserved to The Alliance.

Two copies of the Manuals of the National Alliance for 1891, 1894 and 1899 are greatly desired. Will any one who has a copy to spare send it to Alliance headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, Boston?

Word comes of discarded hymn books as the new book is adopted in one place or another. Will any one who desires these older books, many of which are in good condition, make application at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, stating the number needed?

The Endowment Fund Committee appointed by the Executive Board is formulating plans for presentation at the Annual Meeting in May. It is hoped that at that time we may begin work upon a fund which will worthily commemorate our twenty-five years of Alliance history and make possible a steady increase in our work.

Post Office Mission

The blanks for the Annual Reports of Post Office Mission will be sent in April. The Central Committee urges the Chairmen of the various missions to remember the importance of answering all the questions. Of special importance are questions 9 and 19 relating

to the number of tracts and sermons sent out during the year and to the number of tracts taken from the rack at the church door. If it is not possible to give the exact number make a careful estimate. The Central Committee cannot report adequately to The Alliance unless each individual Post office Mission responds to the questions.

LOUISA BLAKE,
Secretary Post Office Mission Committee.

Executive Board

Miss Bancroft presided at the meeting of the Executive Board on March 12. The total attendance was thirty.

In Memoriam have been placed the names of Mrs. Nancie W. Briggs and Mrs. Jeannette B. Hadley, Templeton; Miss Louise W. Bowen, Providence; Mrs. Sophia Henrici McCargo, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Amanda Fisher Tower, Westford, Mass.

Mrs. Fred Meakin of Brooklyn, New York, has been elected a member of the central Post Office Mission Committee to succeed Miss White.

Miss Effie E. Whitman of Boston succeeds Mrs. Saville on the Finance Committee.

There has been formed a new branch in Texas, at Austin. Miss Mary E. Goff, 1305 W. 22nd Street is President. This branch was formed during a two weeks' visit of Rev. H. C. McDougall of Franklin, N. H., with the idea of preparing the way for a permanent society next winter. The sixteen women who have formed the branch plan to meet once a month to "read and discuss Unitarian literature and to seek others who are interested in liberal religion."

The new church at Mt. Pleasant, Florida, in Mr. McHale's circuit, will be dedicated April 25th. Mrs. Peterson was chosen to represent the Alliance at the dedication. It was voted to make Mrs. Peterson the delegate of the Executive Board to the Southern Conference, to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, April 27-29.

The question of sending a delegate to the Western Conference in Cincinnati May 18-20 was referred to the Western Vice-president and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

It was voted to adopt the recommendation of the International Committee to ask the branches for $150 to enable a young woman to finish her training for missionary service in the East,—China or Japan. A full statement will be found elsewhere in these columns.

The Committee on College Centers has issued a questionnaire to branch presidents in college towns. This aims to bring out information as to what is being done to reach students, and as to the kind of response made by the students to the various appeals.

A letter was read from Fraülein Barth of Frankfort acknowledging with deep appreciation the letter of greeting sent to the German Union of Liberal Christian Women.

Reports were received from Massachusetts branches.

The next meeting will be held April 9th.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary

Delegates to the General Conference

Branches are urged to make some appropriation of money for travelling expenses to the San Francisco meetings. This may be sent to the Treasurer at once. The larger the fund, the more officers and delegates can be sent. And the sooner the money is received, the earlier can reservations be made by those who are chosen to go.

News from the Branches

The New York League of Unitarian Women will meet on Friday, April 2d, at Unity Church, corner Gates Avenue and Irving Place, Brooklyn, at 11 o'clock. Professor Wm. Pepperrell Montague will be the speaker, taking for his subject "Feminism and Democracy." The Alliance of the church will serve tea and coffee with the usual box lunch, at 1 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

The last At Home of the season of the New York League will be held at

Headquarters, 104 East 20th Street, on Monday, April 26th. The Alliance of Flatbush will act as hostess.

The Junior Alliance of Montreal made up of fourteen little girls has contributed $62 the result of a sale of their own work to the Deva Memorial. They have also made garments for Belgian Relief and have given an entertainment realizing $65 which is to be sent to Mme. Loyson's Hospital for wounded French and British Soldiers.

Our New Jersey director reports: "It seems to me that the reason one church or Alliance Branch seems to thrive and another does not is that the successful one develops so as to fit its environment. Herbert Spencer says that the rabbit developed eyes in the sides of its head because it is a pursued animal and the cat in the front of its head because it is a hunting animal. Each Alliance must be sure of the eyes needed before developing them. Although the Alliance Branches of New Jersey have not grown by leaps and bounds during the last year, some of them have grown, the others have held their own and on the whole they all seem to have normal healthy life.

The Bangor, Me., Alliance program is "A Study of our City" with addresses by the Mayor and other public spirited young men who are interested in Tenements, Social Centers, Amusements, Streets, Beauty, Morals of the City.

The meetings are attended constantly by leading members of all churches, Protestant and Catholic. Newspaper reporters give full accounts and some addresses are printed in full.

The Fort Fairfield, Me., Alliance women have repaid the last debt to the Building Fund of the A. U. A. They were feeling a bit lost when the director visited them a week after the check was sent, but after hearing of the difficulties and endeavors of other branches decided to keep right on, start a Sunday School and work toward securing a minister. They have had no minister for two years but the Branch has met weekly and worked with commendable zeal and courage.

At Houlton, Me., the plan inaugurated a year ago by which the men of the church undertook to provide the budget has worked delightfully. The Alliance women are no longer driven to give pay suppers, entertainments and rummage sales, but are holding fine meetings and entertainments for the promotion of Church fellowship.

A letter has been received from Rev. Mary L. Leggett of Revere, Mass., in which she says "I wish to express again our most grateful appreciation of the financial assistance given by the branches of the Alliance for the continuance of our church-work. We could not have gone on without this gracious help although the devoted little company have never ceased to do their utmost for their venerable "meeting house." We are to celebrate in 1915 the 200th anniversary of the organization of the Religious Society the first in "Rumney Marsh."

Since Mrs. Davis's visit to Jackson, Michigan, an enthusiastic letter has come from the treasurer of the Branch. She says, "We seem to vibrate more to the work in the South than to any other, hence we voted five dollars for the Southern Circuit work. The branch feels the "great sorrow of having its church sold but plans to meet and do philanthropic work.

Santa Cruz, California, finds the Cafeteria luncheons which it serves once each month its best source of income. Santa Barbara also has given two successful luncheons of this sort during the past winter. The study class has considered questions of Unitarian belief and has read from "A Child in the Orient."

Sacramento, California, writes of its young folks. "We have a very interesting group of little girls, ten to fifteen years of age whom I should like to see organized into a Junior Alliance. We have very few young people. *With the long lapse of an organization* here

most of the young people who really belong with us have become interested elsewhere and, with the exception of this group of little girls, we have none but the babies." Here is good reason for keeping the church organization steadily alive in the face of all discouragements.

Berkeley, California, this year united with the Congregational and Christian Women's Societies for a Union Sale. It was not only a financial success but did much for the promotion of friendly understanding.

At Eugene, Oregon, "without a settled minister we have assumed much of the pastoral work and many of our members are shouldering the responsibility of the Sunday School. In the community we have become known as a body of women who may be called upon for afternoon sewing when urgent need arises such as emergency cases among poor people or Belgium relief, or we can be 'hired out' for an afternoon. Our church parlor has been opened every Monday afternoon, the fire built on the hearth, the big kettle hung on the crane for tea making and we have welcomed our friends belonging to the church as well as those outside. The church parlor has become the place for friends to meet, for our men folks to drop in at the close of the day and for quiet discussion among ourselves on matters pertaining to the welfare of the church."

The Portland, Oregon, branch raised its annual contributions by dividing the amount needed among its five clubs. One club held a delicatessen sale, another a pre-Thanksgiving sale of goodies, another spent an afternoon in a lavender garden making sachets. The Branch looks back upon the year with satisfaction. "Financially they have been able to meet all obligations and still retain in the treasury a goodly sum for the new year's work and socially the pleasant hours spent in mutual effort, aim, and study have kept them united and more friendly."

The New England vice president says: "Two things have impressed me in the reports of the six branches which it became my duty, in the absence of a director, to present to The Alliance. First, the promptness with which they were sent in in answer to my letters, all coming several days before the date mentioned. Second, the interest and enthusiasm for Alliance branch and church in all of them."

From Massachusetts:— The topic for study at the Kingston Branch has been "The Village Church, our relation to it and its relation to us." They have considered "The ideals of the church, its young people, the place of recreation, the missionary work, the philanthropies, what the social worker expects, The Alliance, our new call to service, and the hymn book."

At Norton the relations between the church and the girls at Wheaton College grow steadily closer. Five college girls are now teaching in the Sunday School and several more are regular attendants at the morning service.

The director says that the Junior Alliance in Fairhaven is ideal. The entering age is fourteen. The older girls, the officers, are now preparing to join the Woman's Alliance. The Junior Branch has a director, a member of the Woman's Alliance, who meets with the Juniors, helps them plan their work and their good times. This must keep the Juniors in close connection with Alliance interests, and I hope, when the young ladies graduate, they will be given "something to do" on important committees.

Fall River has an "every member canvass" committee which has been the means of increasing interest and attendance at meetings. Also a committee of five has been appointed to take an active interest in the Sunday School.

The society at the Second Parish Church, Worcester, Mass. although but four months a branch of The Alliance has already voted $25 to the Southern Circuit and $25 to appeals.

The Executive Board of the Leominster, branch recently entertained the officers of all the branches under the direction of Mrs. Holden. The guests presented Mrs. Holden with a bouquet of roses, there was an informal conference followed by an address by the Rev. Lewis G. Wilson on "Where our Contributions are Spent."

The director writes, in speaking of the labor of the Lawrence Branch in the difficult problem of keeping open its struggling church, "adversity seems in certain ways to increase the actual strength of the branches. The number of members may grow less but those who remain faithful are possessed of high courage, determined effort and true consecration."

The Danvers Branch has continued the dances of last year. They have been so successful that practically no other parties have been given in the town. Teachers and parents have urged the boys and girls to attend these well chaperoned parties.

From the First Parish Brookline comes the good news that The Alliance Branch and the Sewing Circle have united. The active Junior Branch has the following committees: sewing, scrapbook, and a hat and shoe committee to collect these articles for the use of the South End Industrial School.

The Woburn Branch invites the day school teachers of the church to be its guests at the luncheon of the all day sewing meetings. They cannot remain long enough to sew but they add to the sociability of the occasion.

Unity Home Branch, New Bedford, established last year, expresses its ambition to be "a worthy part of the great organization, The Alliance." A Sunday School of 300 members, with several paid teachers, is a study in itself, and in this case we are inclined to ask "How may the Sunday School help the Alliance."

Grace Chapel Alliance, Green Harbor, Mass., will hold its annual fair Wednesday and Thursday, August 11 and 12, afternoon and evening both days. Mrs. L. M. Peterson, Secretary, will acknowledge all contributions. The fair supper will be held Wednesday evening, July 14, and the receipts will be included with those of the fair. Among the members of this branch is one Catholic.

"What Men Live By," by Richard C. Cabot, M. D., has been the book considered during the past winter by the Church of the Disciples, Boston. The Branch of the First Church, Boston, voted $25 at the March meeting "to help send Mrs. Davis to California."

The most distinctive feature of the King's Chapel Branch is their work for young women students in Boston. A room at the Parish House is given for the use of the Students' Club. One Sunday in each month, they have a supper and a good talk and on other Sunday afternoons tea is served. The girls may bring their young men friends and two or three young women and some older men and women of the parish are always there. The Student Secretary finds boarding places, calls upon students and befriends them in all ways.

In common with most of our branches the South Congregational Branch, Boston, has done much Red Cross work. The church has been open from ten until five every day for the past six months and the President, Miss Jane Cummings, has been there herself almost every day.

Brighton, Mass. Branch has rented two "Alliance pews" this year for strangers or Alliance guests. They have also begun the experiment of serving tea to the congregation in the parish rooms after the Sunday vesper services.

The Ayer Branch has asked the four other protestant churches in town to cooperate in a joint fair next fall and the suggestion has met with favor.

The Haverhill Branch has printed upon its program: "Every good Alliance member is expected to do the duty assigned or furnish an equally efficient substitute and give due notice of the same."

At the recent meeting of the Philadelphia League the reports of the greatest interest were those of the Post Office Mission Committees of the several churches which has been wonderfully stimulated by the "Billy Sunday" campaign. The Post Office Mission secretary of the First Church of Philadelphia has received 150 letters of inquiry.

At San Francisco, our largest branch, fourteen regular beneficiaries have been cared for and many emergency cases have been relieved. The secretary writes, "We have appreciated our President's leadership and we wish to assure her that should the exposition year bring any unusual difficulties she will have the hearty cooperation and support of her members."

Fresno, Cal. raised money to furnish a room at Salvation Army head quarters and an entertainment was given for the unemployed.

Los Angeles finds that a fifteen cent luncheon more than pays expenses and writes "We are a live branch full of zeal and religious fervor."

Mrs. Love, our director for Washington, writes that four of the five branches in her state have sent her monthly reports of their work. Bellingham is working toward wiping out the church deficit and hopes soon to have a course of study. They are fine, faithful women and their interest is being felt more and more in their community. Seattle is also working to pay a debt toward which they pledge $500 yearly. Sedro Wooley without a Church has an enthusiastic and ambitious branch of seven women. All these branches feel that the out look promises better things and are prepared to make the most of their opportunities.

Appeals

There is a new Appeal this month. It is for $150 to enable a young woman to complete her training as a Unitarian Missionary. It is her wish to work in the orient, where she has already had several years experience in a Methodist Mission. She feels deeply the call of the east, and intends to work in behalf of our Unitarian principles in that far land.

This appeal has received the endorsement of the Executive Board. Recently a request has come for a worker to represent the Unitarians in the International Institute of Shanghai, China, of which Rev. Gilbert Reid, D. D. is the head. There is also an opening for a worker in the Unitarian Church of Tokio, Japan. It has a large and successful Sunday School, and its social work is the largest and best of any Unitarian Church in the world.

May we show our sympathy to this student, our fellow worker by giving her the aid needed to finish her studies! May we in this way make known that we her sisters wish her God-speed in her life work of teaching in a non-Christian country, the beauty of our faith and the great truths for which our churches stand!

ELIZABETH MARQUAND,
Chairman of International Committee.

Appeals stand as follows:

Sacramento, Cal.	$100.
Special Scholarship	150.
Wheeling, W. Va.	70.
Italian Mission	30.
Highland Springs, Va.	10.
Westboro, Mass.	20.
East Lexington, Mass.	10.
War Relief	

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The eighth regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1914-1915 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Wednesday afternoon, March 3, 1915, at 2.30 o'clock.

Vice President Eliot presided and there were present: Mr. Allen, Miss Cline, Miss Richards, Mr. Ryder, Miss Simmons, Miss Ward and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

The bills were then presented; and

VOTED: that the bills be paid.

The secretary read her report for the month of February, which was approved as read. And, on motion of Miss Richards, it was further

VOTED: that the report be accepted with congratulation on the amount of work accomplished during the month.

Miss Richards reported on the work of the Extension Committee and Mr. Chester R. Allen reported for the Finance Committee. Follow-up letters were sent to non-contributing societies; in a month's time, if it is found necessary, others will be sent out.

Miss Cline reported considerable progress on the fair plans. The general committee consists of Miss Lucy Lowell, Honorary President; Mrs. Sydney B. Snow, Honorary Vice President; Miss Emily J. Cline, Chairman; Miss Anna B. Ward, Miss Minnie Packard, Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, and Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie.

Miss Simmons, for the Union-at-Large, reported 78 copies of the February "Word and Work" sent. Eleven letters have been written and the list corrected to date.

The Annual Meeting Committee reported.

VOTED: that we suggest to the Shoals Committee that it try to take into consideration this year the incoming group of young people at the end of the first week and make an effort to have Young People's Day later than usual.

As there was no further business.

VOTED: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Boston Federation Items

The March issue of "The Federation News" contained an editorial relative to a division of the Boston Federation into smaller groups, a proposition which was brought up for discussion at the February director's meeting, the idea being to separate the unions of the present federation into three federated organizations, all to be under one central government. It was finally decided to postpone the matter until the next meeting of the directors and meanwhile to present the proposed change to the various unions for due consideration.

It may be interesting to our many friends to quote directly from the above-mentioned editorial: "This new departure seems feasible to many, while others consider it a radical step and foresee disadvantages.

Chief of the objections seems to centre in the belief that with a smaller number of unions the opportunity for meeting a large number of persons would be greatly decreased. While it is believed that the meetings of each of the smaller federations would nearly equal in numbers an average federation meeting, if this result were not actually achieved, there are still possibilities ahead.

Nearness of meeting place and community spirit would serve to greatly increase the attendance of the individual union, while the concentrated efforts of three separate working bodies would serve to bring new unions into the fold.

Of recent years, it is the belief of many, too much emphasis has been placed upon the perfection of the federation and too little on the individual union and church. The federation cannot continue to grow indefinitly without division, becaues the physical obstacles are too great.

Now is the time to take a step for the benefit of the Young People's Religious Union movement. It is a forward step, not a backward one. There are forty-five Unitarian churches within the present boundaries of the federation. If we would include them all in our ranks we must divide.

Let us take the broader outlook for the Young People's Religious Union betterment, rather than the selfish motive of preserving the unity of the present Boston Federation. The move is one that holds in it large opportunities. Let us consider it well and then act."

The Indoor Picnic of the federation took place in the parish house, West Roxbury, Mass., on Saturday afternoon and evening, March 27. The opening hour was four o'clock, when games were in order followed later by a box lunch and dancing in the evening. There were other features and a goodly company attended.

The Letter of the Nominating Committee

The Constitution of the Young People's Religious Union provides that each local society may suggest names for the nominations to be made at the Annual Meeting, for the general officers for the ensuing year, by sending them to the Nonimating Committee on or before April 1st.

Every branch of the Young People's Religious Union should be glad to accept and undertake this privilege. Please bring this matter up at your next meeting and let us know of your recommendations. By such means only can the Nominating Committee present a thoroughly democratic and representative list of candidates.

The positions to be filled are those of:

President; six Vice Presidents (representing different sections of the country); Secretary; Treasurer; fifteen Directors; One from California, one from Canada, one from Maine, one from New Hampshire, one from New York, one from Pennsylvania, one from Vermont, eight from Massachusetts.

Every state, having one hundred or more members in local unions, is entitled to a director.

We wish to urge the importance of taking action upon this letter and should like to receive your reply by April 1st. All communications should be addressed to

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE,

Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell,
25 Beacon St., Room 11,
Boston, Mass.

$30,000 by 1916!

The treasurer presents the following statement as to pledges and money received towards the Endowment Fund:

Pledges

Clara V. Gibbs	$1.00
Paul L. Willson	1.00
B. Ruth Ebbs	1.00
Rev. Ward R. Clarke	1.00
W. A. Chapin,	1.00
Rev. Percy E. Lyndon	2.00
L. W. Mendum	2.00
Barbara Hayden	2.00
Albert A. Welcome	2.00
Rev. B. R. Bulkeley	3.00
C. S. Burrage	5.00
Huldah L. McMurdie	5.00
H. E. Weston	5.00
Mary B. Gage	5.00
F. A. Burt	5.00
John H. Edwards	5.00
Rev. L. V. Rutledge	5.00
Elsa Waldie	10.00
Donald R. McAfee	20.00

Mrs. J. A. Abbott	25.00
S. R. Crawford	50.00
Rev. H. G. Ives	100.00
Mrs. S. M. Barker	25.00
Frederick M. Eliot	100.00
Mrs. Robert D. Evans	1000.00
Geo. T. Cruft	25.00
Josephine A. Bruorton	25.00
Wm. H. Swasey	10.00
Rev. G. B. Spurr,	5.00
Wm. H. Gove	10.00
Mrs. J. T. Rorer	10.00
Elizabeth Hurd	10.00
Rev. Henry D. Stevens	4.00
	$1,480.00

Paid

Reserve acct. transferred	$1.77
Laurel M. Toutt	2.00
Blanche Watson	2.00
"Anonyomus"	4.00
Alfred Bunker,	1.00
May A. Webber	10.00
Mrs. W. Scott Fitz	500.00
Laurel M. Toutt (2nd)	1.00
Miss E. K. Davis	5.00
Miss Helen F. Kimball	10.00
Anna M. Whiting	50.00
Mrs. C. L. Richardson	5.00
Miss M. W. Thacher	25.00
Mrs. W. W. Blackmar	25.00
Int. on acct.	5.32
Mrs. J. H. Abbott, on acct.	5.00
Chain letter	66.79
Horace S. Sears	50.00
Rev. C. M. Perry	10.00
Rev. Henry D. Stevens, on acct.	1.00
	$779.88

A report will be published, from time to time, showing the standing of the fund, and friends of the Union are earnestly urged to send in their contributions and pledges as soon as possible. It is not necessary to wait for pledge cards to be sent, for contributions may be sent in by check or letter *now*.

Biennial Bazaar

The Fair Committee is making progress and already several tables are taken. We hope to report that all are taken by the Annual Meeting in May. If you wish to assist or to take charge of a table, kindly send an early word to the Chairman, Miss Emily J. Cline, 56 Magnolia St., Dorchester, Mass.

The tables so far taken are

Bags and Baskets, by King's Chapel Club, Boston, Mass.

Candy, by the South Middlesex Federeration, assisted by the Unity Guild of Winthrop, Mass.

Aprons and *Handkerchiefs*, by the Pilgrim Federation.

Household, by the Quincy Union.

Life Members', by the Brighton Young People's Association.

Fancy, by the First Church Club, Boston, Mass.

Children's by the Wollaston Union.

Notes from the Field

Ann Arbor, Michigan. "Our local society has had a very successful year thus far, although our membership has been small, about twenty having paid dues. Our average attendance at the Sunday evening meetings, however, has been about thirty five. At these meetings we have discussed several of the great world religions including Hinduism, Confucianism, Bahaism, Buddhism, and the Jewish religion. These have been varied with illustrated travel talks and others of lighter nature. Our speakers have been, in general, men who were thoroughly acquainted with their subjects. A feature of our meetings has been a general discussion following each talk, and a pleasant social half hour during which chocolate is served. Our social activities have been quite successful and a great assistance in unifying our ogranization."

Nashua, N. H. "We have a 'Pleasant Sunday Afternoon' service once a month which is much enjoyed and very profitable. Our Guild voted to make some contribution in the near future to the $30,000 permanent fund. Some special event will be held to raise the money. We want to provide a 'Wayside Pulpit' — a bulletin board whereon are posted good things for the passer-by to read."

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The World Rising against Alcohol

There is a world rising against alcohol and drugs, and whether one approves or not it tends to take the form of National Prohibition. China has nationally prohibited opium, and claims that the prohibition helps enormously. Finland, Iceland, Greenland, Russia are "dry." The lower House of France has passed permanent prohibition of absinthe, and total prohibition is in the air. England is planning prohibition measures during the war; we have 18 dry states, more than half the number needed to make this nation dry; and the first time national prohibition went before Congress it won a majority.

The Nebraska State Journal says that soon only the northeastern states will tolerate the liquor dealer.

Curious, is it not, that in this great world movement, New England plays little part? Our own Massachusetts gave only one vote for national prohibition, Dietrick from Cambridge.

Why do we not help?

The West says it is our immigrant population, but that is not the whole truth; the Finns, Swedes and many of the Irish and others are ready to help.

It seems to me as if Massachusetts were held back by a sort of snobbishness and over-intellectuality, and standpatness. State prohibition in Maine failed; therefore all prohibition everywhere will always fail.

This may not be good reasoning. Maine went prohibition in 1851, before there was any intelligent, scientific or industrial movement against alcohol. The thing became politics.

Kansas came later, and understanding the issue better, Kansas has steadily grown dryer under prohibition.

Prohibition can help, will help, when the education behind is sufficient.

National prohibition is, of course, vastly more powerful than state prohibition.

Now understand the issue.

National prohibition forbids the manufacture for sale. It is not a cure but simply a chance to make headway, by forbidding the traffic, the big, organized interest, whipping the thing up for gain; and by removing the open saloon, that is, taking away the extreme accessibility, thus protecting the boy and the weak.

Working among drunkards as I do, I know that education alone will never be enough. You must in our great cities also stop the big business, advertising the wares, and the awful accessibility of the thing.

It is not efficient to put candy in a child's pocket and then simply educate him not to eat it.

National prohibition does not forbid private distilling in your own house, but each state can forbid that, as it wishes. Idaho's law, just passed last week, forbids all distilling.

I believe that what Kansas has done the East can do; get an education abroad that will not tolerate that menace, the liquor traffic and the open saloon, but will vote them away—and what is more make the measure a success, a fine, virile economic uplift. If you want to multiply our morality and efficiency, stand from now on, side by side with your southern and western brothers, for never ending education, for civic clubs in place of the saloon, and no more legalized liquor traffic!

Said the Ceylonese deputation to England, "Our kings never sunk so low as to make revenue out of that which degrades the people."

E. TILTON.

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